

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING INDIVIDUALS

Through the **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS)**, individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing receive specialized career services designed to help them prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment. **Our Deaf Language Specialists (DLS)**, also known as Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf, provide direct vocational counseling to eligible DVRS consumers whose primary language is **American Sign Language (ASL)**. Our counselors are also able to meet the communication needs of those with hearing loss who do not sign.

Some of the many ways we can support you on your path to employment success:

- Vocational evaluation to assist you in discovering the best job goal based on your skills, capabilities, and interests
- Internship assistance for those who are soon to graduate college and need work experience
- SSI/SSDI benefit counseling to help you understand how your income from working may affect your Social Security benefits
- For students in high school up to age 21 or out of school youth with or without a high school diploma up to age 24, Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) and Out-of-School Youth Employment Services (OSYES) help prepare you for work or post-secondary education
- Referral to one of three DVRS-funded Regional Career Centers for Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. With staff proficient in ASL, these centers offer vocational assessments, job readiness training, job search support, job coaching, and pre-employment transition services for both students currently in school and youth who are not in school. Each location also has an assistive technology demonstration center where you can learn about and try various alert systems and listening devices that may help you at work
- Referral to any of our other approved community-based vocational rehabilitation providers for supported employment services. Staff in these agencies are also proficient in ASL and will assist you with job readiness skills, job placement, job coaching, and long-term follow-along services, if needed
- Financial assistance with:
 - College or vocational training
 - Hearing aids
 - Cochlear Implant replacement or upgrade

DETERMINE SERVICE ELIGIBILITY

To learn if you are eligible for services*, contact your county DVRS office (see reverse side for listing). Alternatively, you can contact the Deaf Language Specialists in your county by visiting nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/deafandhardofhearingservices.shtml#specialistdirectory.



* DVRS will conduct Financial Needs Assessments, and may conduct Diagnostic Evaluations, such as hearing aid tests, to determine eligibility.

APPLY FOR SERVICES

To apply for services online, visit nj.gov/labor/career-services/special-services/individuals-with-disabilities/deafandhardofhearing/services.shtml#referrals.



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